GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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LOSSES DUE TO FLOOD
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is losses worth crores of rupees and damage to life and property due to floods in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme for storage of flood waters in the ponds and reservoirs so that this could be supplied to areas facing water scarcity;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir.

(c) In 1980, the Ministry of Water Resources, then known as the Ministry of Irrigation formulated a National PerspectivePlan (NPP)for Integrated Water Resources Developmentenvisaging interbasin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/ areas with a view to minimise the regional imbalances and optimally utilize the available water resources. The proposal inter-alia envisages building up of storage reservoirs at potential sites in various river basins.

NPP comprises of two components namely Himalayan RiversDevelopment Component and Peninsular Rivers Development Component.

(d) The tentative cost of implementation of interbasin water transfer link schemes both under Peninsular and Himalayan components at 2002 price level is estimated at Rs.5,60,000 crores.